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TING EACH OTHER DOWN!

Berger Warns Workers Against this Suicidal Practice.

The "questions" of the presidential campaign discussed by the orators and the newspapers are of little account. Even if they could be settled, their solution would change nothing at all under the present system. In any case they have nothing to do with the condition of the working class. Mr. Parker or Mr. Roosevelt shall be president; whether the wage be higher or lower by two percent; whether Congress shall pass a couple of millions more or less; whether the Philippines shall be autonomous or independent; whether they shall be given one or two years sooner or later; all this—and this is all there is to the campaign—from the standpoint of the workingman is not a finger for.

The question which must interest him, if he is not a sheep, is the present economic system shall be maintained—the system by which both parties defend, about which they do not quarrel, on the one hand, and get employment must sell himself to another man, by which he is robbed of at least half the product of his labor, and as a result, through profit and rent; by which his existence is a constant uncertainty, and anxiety for himself and those dependent upon him; by which he may be deprived of his means of earning a living and forced to become a beggar, a criminal or a suicide.

Is the question and this is the only question which should interest the workingman. All others are childish, worthless toys, which hinder the exploited from considering the actual question, the class-consciousness and acting upon it politically. Every workingman casts for anything else than the solution of the one and only real question, is worse than thrown away, for he votes for his own exploitation, subjection and degeneration. That he is content with the existing condition of things. It is not true to his family.

There is no reason, no pretext, no excuse that the workingman vote for his party, the Social-Democratic party, the party written on its shield the abolition of all exploitation, and the emancipation of the workingmen. Millions of workingmen in this country are at last reached a point where they stand shoulder to shoulder to fight against their exploiters. Until now there were few who understood that they must use this consciousness of solidarity upon election day. The very men who in factories and in the streets voted each other down and thus destroyed more than they accomplished during the entire year by their work in the unions and the sacrifices which the economic struggle costs.

Until recently was the state of the labor movement in the United States, and this has distinguished it so unfavorably from the movement in other countries. But now this has gradually changed. The party of the workingman exists and grows. The Social-Democratic movement in this country is limited almost entirely to foreigners, is now chiefly the work of native Americans. The coming election will prove that the Social-Democratic party is growing as rapidly, if not more rapidly, than in any other country. The election will prove that the twilight of the capitalist system is near. Therefore join the Social-Democratic party and stand shoulder to shoulder for a better order and a higher civilization.

Soon are we to make a choice. That is the only question.

Victor L. Berger.

IMPORTANT! The Herald's readers are urged to send in their reports of the vote in their district the day after election, as early as possible so as to be before our printing, day after day. In important cases telegrams don't fail us, please.

Now, why should people work in common and not work with tools (machinery) owned in common? Right relations must be established before we can by any possibility have industrial peace.

This country belongs to our big business men and they therefore are the ideal citizens according to the capitalist morality. And yet these ideal citizens cut up some pretty rusty tricks, tricks that do not harmonize with their vaunted highness. Following on the awful revelations in connection with the Slocum excursion boat horror comes the news that five ideal citizens have just been arrested in Camden, N. J., for frauds in connection with the supply of plates of cork for life preservers, their firm being shown to have weighted the cork by burying iron bars in the inside of them and thus getting more money for them, they being sold by weight. Now mind you this cork was for life preservers which were supposed to buoy up ship passengers in cases of wrecks, and yet they were weighted down with iron! Such sordid operations would never happen if these men had not been under the business pressure that commands it a votaries to make money at all hazards. Talk of Frenzied Finance—frenzied commercialism can play a few desperate tricks also.

A more moderate tone was to be observed in an address on Social-Democracy that was made last week by Archbishop Messmer in one of the Milwaukee Catholic churches. On the purely economic questions a Catholic and a Socialist might agree, he said, in many instances. There were other parts of the Social-Democratic doctrine that were against natural law and religion, and were not economic questions, although claimed to be such. One statement he made, may be instanced to show that the archbishop has not yet grasped the central point of the Social-Democratic philosophy, which was that Socialism will "remove all private property." Social-Democracy would not abolish private property at all, quite the contrary. But it would abolish the private ownership of capital, which is quite a different thing. Capital is wealth used for the purpose of making profit through the labor of others—through the exploitation of labor. We want to abolish the capitalist wage system which only permits the worker a small part of his product and builds up colossal and dangerous fortunes for the capitalist master class. We want to reverse the present state of things. We want the worker to be rich. Let the capitalist be poor.

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WHAT INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM DEMANDS:

1. Collective ownership of public utilities and all industries in the hands of Trusts and Combines.
2. Democratic management of such collective industry.
3. Reduction of the Hours of Labor and progressively increased Remuneration.
4. State and National Insurance for the workers and honorable rest and security in old age.
5. The Inauguration of public Industries to safeguard the workers against lack of employment.
6. Education of ALL children up to the age of 18 years. No child labor.
7. Equal political and civil rights for men and women.

Social-Democracy is a sure cure for social demoralization.

When you vote for "hell" you are pretty sure to get it!

Is life worth living? It would be but for the capitalist system—and it is worth living in order to dethrone capitalism!

The alarm now being uttered by the capitalist newspaper mouthpieces over the steady growth of Social-Democracy is not a marker to what you will hear later on!

The Brauer Zeitung remarks that the Social-Democratic platform is the only political platform that does not discriminate against one capitalist and in favor of another.

The New York Herald says Milwaukee is the center of Socialist agitation, but it will find that there are a good many Milwaukeeans when the returns are counted week after next!

A civilization in which the temptations to be had vastly outnumber the temptations to be good is a vicious civilization. It presents a bad environment. We Social-Democrats do not want to change human nature, but to change the present environment which is strangling all that is good in human nature, and developing the worse passions.

The Milwaukee Sentinel editorially dropped to its marrow bones last Wednesday morning. It went against the grain, but it couldn't well be avoided. It had to admit that Comrade Victor L. Berger's denial of its story of the day before to the effect that there was a deal on between the Social-Democrats of Wisconsin and the La Folletteites was "of a character to remove from the minds of unprejudiced persons any belief in the authenticity of the story." And the Sentinel was gracious enough to print a section from the party constitution showing that a deal could not be made with other party candidates or parties.

Danger Ahead for Misrepresentatives!

Four Republican Congressmen are in danger in this state (Wisconsin)—Babcock, Minor, Otjen and Stafford. The two last named represent the two Milwaukee districts. Probably their successors will be Socialists, and thus Socialism will for the first time drive a wedge into the American House of Representatives. Men who think that in the future we are to have but two political parties in the United States—a conservative party taking the name of Republican, but made up of men from both of the old parties; and a radical party, taking the Socialist name and perhaps the name also—will find confirmation of their views in the situation here. The Socialists are making a great campaign in Wisconsin and they expect to cast 40,000 or 50,000 votes for their state ticket. Most of their strength is in this city, where they threaten to carry both of the congressional districts.

It has not escaped the notice of careful observers that the Socialist movement is spreading rapidly throughout the country. The prediction has been made that 500,000 votes will be cast for Debs, though that is probably much too high. It is said Milwaukee is the only large city in which the Social-Democrats draw more largely from the Republicans than from the Democrats, though in Chicago the two old parties suffer in approximately equal ratio. Walter Wellman, in the Record-Herald, Oct. 20.

And Only Two Parties in the Future!

Do the trusts own you, too? How will you cast your vote?

Prosperity, under capitalism, is a mockery.

If the working people cast the right kind of ballots they will not have the wrong kind of a government.

We do not blame the capitalists for skinning the people, but we do blame the people for supporting the skinning system.

What can be done for the industrious dispossessed? Charity? how insulting! Teach him humility and resignation? That would be abominable. Discontent is a necessary factor to progress. There is only one sane remedy—stop dispossessing him. But to do that the capitalist system will have to be abolished—and it is going to be!

The partnership between Capital and Labor, what is it? It is capitalism rather than capital that is Labor's "partner" in production, and a queer partner at that. Labor sweats and groans at its task and gets enough out of the "partnership" to keep in working condition meanwhile, and to raise a family of other wage workers to keep the labor market supplied, and the balance of the product goes to capitalism, that abstract "partner" that requires so much and is never satisfied. Capitalism is like the devil fish, its tentacles reach in every direction and are covered with innumerable suckers. After they have sucked up the larger part of the worker's product as manufacturing profits, the other suckers get at what he retains as wages, and the coal sucker, the food sucker, the shelter sucker, the light sucker, the medicine sucker, the clothes sucker, etc., etc., fairly strip him of every penny. Social-Democrats do not feel a hatred of individual employers or firms; they know that their enemy is the capitalist system, and that they will have no relief until that system is abolished.

SWEEPING ALL BEFORE THEM EVERYWHERE!

The Social-Democratic Candidates and their Cross-County Tours.

The all-sweeping tours of the national Social-Democratic candidates, Debs and Hanford, are the marvel of the cohorts of capitalism in the various cities at which they speak. Crushed audiences everywhere. Enthusiasm the capitalist parties cannot match! A rising tide—a ground swell that does not stop swelling, whereas the old parties are waiting over the apathy of the public and the poor attendance at their meetings. There is consternation in their ranks. When an old warrior like ex-Post Master Gen. Vilas cannot pack a Milwaukee theater, for instance, things look blue for a long continuance of the plutocratic control of government. Speaking of Milwaukee, Vice Presidential candidate Fairbanks of the Republicans, and Vice Presidential candidate Hanford of the Social-Democrats, both held meetings there Oct. 15. Fairbanks spoke in a theater that only accommodated less than 2,000, with seats for 1,800, and the daily press-printed columns about it. Hanford spoke in Schlitz Park Hall to a vast concourse which even the ultra-capitalistic Milwaukee Sentinel estimated at 4,000 people, and yet dismissed it with a report that did not cover more than a sixteenth of a column!

As the national campaign continues, enthusiasm grows and our candidates are received with ever-increasing crowds and enthusiasm. Debs bears the strain well and Hanford is in better condition now than for some time past. The big meeting of the past fortnight was the great Auditorium meeting in Chicago. The Chicago Evening Post became panicky and said editorially:

"Last night at the Auditorium Eugene V. Debs spoke to 4,000 Socialists, every one of whom seemed to have lungs of leather. There was enthusiasm back of the yells which greeted the speaker. There was nothing cut and dried about the gathering. Every man in the great audience paid for his seat. He was willing to give up his money that he might hear expounded what he considers to be principles."

The Socialists in the United States form a body that is to be reckoned with—and should be reckoned with now, not tomorrow or next week or next year, but now. The greater political parties ignore Socialism. Heretofore the Socialist vote has been little figure. There is a future, and unless apathy give place to action there must needs be a struggle for the preservation of the principles upon which sane government is founded.

The Socialists are a tireless force. They are at their guns day and night. An active enemy is not to be despised. The Socialists are campaigning twelve months of the year. Their operations are not confined to the election periods. Nearly every country newspaper tells of the presence in the village communities of traveling Socialist orators. The people listen to them. One person may be convinced. He becomes a propagandist. No Socialist ever is known to stop talking while he can get some one to listen. His orders are to talk, and he does talk. The men who believe Socialism to be subversive of all that is good in government should learn a lesson from the methods of the enemy.

Hanford the Socialist is not unobservant. Referring to the trusts in his Auditorium speech last night he said that the most remarkable trust of the year is the trust of William Jennings Bryan in Alton Brooks Parker.

The italics are ours. In his address Comrade Debs said, among other things: In the competitive system we are pitted against each other. Our economic interests are in conflict. We make war upon each other. We do not develop those qualities that dignity and glorify human nature. We do develop tooth and fang and claw; cunning at the expense of conscience. No one understands this better than the business man. No one mistrusts the business man more than the business man. It is his rule to treat every man as a rogue until he proves himself otherwise, and never to give him a chance to prove otherwise, for that might be his own undoing. (Applause.)

It was Emerson who once said that if you will trace to its other end the chain that fetters the slave you will find that it is riveted to the wrist of his master. Morally speaking, the master cannot rise far above the level of his slave. They are irrevocably bound together. The slave is in revolt; he has got to keep in subjection. The master is near the level of the slave. He may have a callous conscience, he may wear good clothes and fare sumptuously, but he is in no true sense a civilized human being. His brain is thronged with problems how to make larger dividends, how to secure greater profit. The more he gets the hungrier he grows. He falls, and falls at last a victim to the capitalist system. He gets rich in the worldly sense; in every other sense he remains a pauper. Do the capitalists lead complete lives? What do they know outside of the rules of exploitation? How many capitalists are there in the city of Chicago who can give a scientific definition of the term "capital"? How many can intelligently define themselves, or have ever read a standard book on political economy, or know anything about the history of their own country or anything about literature, science, art? How many of them have time to contemplate the stars of the myriads of the universe? How many of them rise above the animal plane, stand erect in the majesty of true manhood and give expression to their own honest convictions? A very small part of them. They go to their homes, but they do not hear the loving voice of the wife, the prattle of the child, the crooning of the baby—sweeter music than the minstrelsy of the most gifted musician. They are engaged in this beastly, brutalizing struggle for mastery over their fellow men.

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VIGILANCE IS NOW REQUIRED!

Eugene V. Debs Counsels Caution and Firmness.

THE greatest working class campaign in American politics is drawing to a close. All our forces are in the field and the battle line stretches across the continent from sea to sea.

Steady, Comrades! The enemy have done their best and worst to divide us, but have failed, and all along the revolutionary line there flashes from the eyes of the advancing proletarian columns the light of defiance and the fire of victory.

Steady, Comrades! At your post in the strongest or the weakest point, just as you will, and the Social-Democratic party has the right to expect that you will make it the strongest point and that no sabre thrust of the enemy will penetrate the armor of the movement where you stand.

Steady, Comrades! We are closing in for the final charge and each comrade must now feel that the outcome depends on him or her, and summon all their latent force and put forth their supreme power to win this day, for the working class.

Steady, Comrades! The fateful hour is drawing nigh and all we have and all we hope for, all that we hold dear and sacred and are pledged to with our very lives, is in the balance. Not a day, an hour, nor even a minute must go by unimproved.

Every comrade at his post, every comrade doing duty, every comrade true and loyal, every comrade resolute, unconquerable! Such an army cannot lose.

Steady, Comrades! Together we are in the trenches, comrades, and together will we scale the heights, triumphant in the cause of labor and humanity. Forward, all, with heads erect and hearts attuned! Forward all to victory!

As the campaign draws to a close and the enemy observes that the Social-Democratic party is forging to the front and that they cannot stay its march, their perverted ingenuity will be taxed to accomplish by a sudden coup what bribery, corruption, falsehood and intimidation has failed to do.

Four years ago on the eve of the election they sprung the report that our presidential candidates had resigned in favor of the Democratic candidates.

Be on your guard! Allow no such report or any report in the capitalist press to deceive you. Do not be caught unawares. If you see any such report, promptly deny it.

In case of emergency wire national headquarters and accept no startling report about the national candidates as true unless it is confirmed by and from the national office.

We do not know what the enemy may spring—what trickery they may resort to in the last hour; but we know the enemy and this is sufficient to warrant this warning to our comrades.

The sweep of the Social-Democratic movement is the marvel and dismay of the old politicians and as they are as wholly lacking in scruples as they are adepts in treachery it behooves us to be on our guard and prepare to meet any emergency, especially in the closing hours of the campaign when it is deemed too late for successful denial.

A word to Socialists is sufficient: KEEP YOUR REVOLUTIONARY EYE PEELED!

Eugene V. Debs.

Candidate Fairbanks is raising a great scare to the effect that if the Democrats get in the country will have to go back to soup houses. But what about the present! Every city of any size has its slum workers carrying soup to the famished victims of capitalism, not to mention the little dirty cheap restaurants where the wreckage of humanity can get a bowl of greasy water, called soup, for the least possible amount of money. New York has streets filled with these places, usually with 5-cent lodging house attachments. So has Chicago, so has St. Louis, Philadelphia and the rest of the larger cities. Ob, but the signs of good times are abundant! And it is not only the dregs of society that are in distress, we see the same thing higher up in the scale. For instance, read the following crow of the New York World over the efficiency of its want ads, as bringers of results:

New York, Oct. 13, 1904. Gentlemen: We wish to congratulate you most heartily for the successful outcome of our Want Ad. for a Stenographer and Typist in your Sunday's issue. We received EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY ANSWERS by Tuesday 11 o'clock, out of which we made a selection to our entire satisfaction. We scarcely anticipated such wonderful amount of replies. Broadway Bargain House, 676 Broadway.

Do you remember a distinguished member of the Smith family who wrote the words to the hymn "America"? "My Country 'tis of Thee," etc. A patriotic man was Smith, a man of lofty ideals and guileless character fitting to those old days when commercialism had not gotten to the rotten stage. And yet this same Smith brought into the world a son who has recently been sentenced to prison for eleven years for stealing \$100,000 that had been entrusted to his keeping. And yet Smith, Jr., is only a product of a system of society that puts a premium on dishonesty and sharp practice, the country the Rev. Smith sung of has gone to the bad, cursed by the capitalist system. The younger Smith got only eleven years for his extensive theft, because he was a big thief. In Milwaukee the other day a man who stole twenty-five dollars was sentenced to three months imprisonment, because he was a petty thief. Yet at the same rate of punishment a \$100,000 theft should call for a sentence of one thousand years—many times more than a life sentence, so to say! Or, put it another way: If a member of the working class had stolen that \$100,000 that Smith got away with, the capitalist courts would have tried to make a jail of the hereafter in order to give the lowly wretch time to work out his thousand year sentence, after being incarcerated for the balance of his earthly existence! Wow!

The breaking down of organized labor unions is against public policy—real public policy, not capitalist public policy. And the courts would be ready to so decide if they were not hopelessly owned by the capitalist interests.

From all over the country comes news of great Social-Democratic activity and greater uneasiness on the part of the capitalist parties. Our cause steadily advances and that's why our present strength seems so ominous to the fleecers.

Let your conscience vote for you this election! Think of the real interests of the workers who produce the necessities and the luxuries of our modern civilization and yet have nothing, and then vote in favor of the fleeing class if you dare.

Just at the time the Sentinel was claiming that there was a deal between the Social-Democrats and the La Follette faction, La Follette secured the Exposition building for Nov. 4 in order to buck the big Debs meeting at the West Side Turner hall. But it won't do La Follette any good—our people can not be stampeded.

Says Laurence Gronlund, in his book "Ca Ira": "It can be said of the plutocrats of all countries, that they have been weighed in the balance and everywhere found wanting. Nowhere have they paid the least attention to their duties as rulers, but everywhere they have used the opportunities which their rule gave them to further their private interests exclusively. That is so well shown by that eminently middle class, or plutocratic institution, the public debt. During the Middle Ages, when the state was in extraordinary need of funds, the rulers—the nobles and clergy—often put their hands into their own pockets and gave the needful amount to the state as a present. Now the public debt of France is immense; indeed, threatening the state with bankruptcy. This debt is all due to French citizens, to persons of the middle (the commercial) class is here referred to) classes. Whenever the state needs more funds, either for a war or public works, these middle classes are ever ready, are anxious, to put their hands in their pockets and loan their money to the state. The ruling middle classes have so arranged matters that they can make these loans at highly usurious rates; for instance in 1871 they handed over to the state eight francs, and received in return a bond for a hundred francs."

Patriotism with the plutocratic class generally spells "main chance" in the United States as well as in France!

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DEBS AND HANFORD DATES.

Eugene V. Debs: Oct. 30, Boston and Fall River, Mass.; 31, Brockton, Mass.; Nov. 1, Providence, R. I.; 2, Rochester, N. Y.; 3, Buffalo, N. Y.; 4, Milwaukee, Wis.; 5, Racine, Wis.; 6, Detroit, Mich.; 7, Terre Haute, Ind.
Ben. Hanford: Oct. 31, Sacramento, Cal.; Nov. 1, San Francisco, Cal.; 2, Oakland, Cal.; 4, Pasadena, Cal.; 5, Riverside, Cal.; 6, Los Angeles, Cal.; 7, San Diego, Cal.

EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

"The arguments horn of dreams must be met with the arguments horn of reason," says the Chicago Evening Post, on its editorial page, in speaking of the tremendous Social-Democratic rally at the Auditorium in that city, where the party charged admission and collected a thousand dollars for its campaign fund. But where has the capitalist politician an argument based on reason? His arguments are based on the philosophy of plunder and the fleecing of the workers by the capitalist system. About all he is able to put up as an argument is that the country is prosperous when the workers are in rage!

In a report of Debs' Denver address kindly sent us by Comrade Ida Mercer of that city, we find the following significant item: "A Missouri Democrat who was present and who has heard all the presidential and vice-presidential candidates during several campaigns pronounced it the greatest speech he had ever heard." The fact is that it is the Social-Democrats who have a message for the people that is vital. The average high-up campaign address is full of matters that alone concern the master class and it is pretty hard for the representatives of the "common trash" to keep attentive as listeners, although some of them by a stretch of the usual self-deception that accompanies the genus homo through life try to feel that they have been listening to something great. But that stretch of self-deception will cease as soon as they get a chance to hear Social-Democrats discuss vital questions, and it is ceasing already.

The Standard Oil company has been forced from its customary silence under attack and has sent out a dispatch to the capitalist press deprecating that "it is true that the Standard Oil company, John D. Rockefeller nor any officer of the Standard Oil company has taken part in securing the nomination of any candidate for office, as is so positively stated. Furthermore, it is entirely untrue that there is any 'Standard Oil party' banded together for speculation in stocks as is so commonly charged."

A New York despatch throws some light on this. It says: New York, Oct. 22.—Aroused by the charges of Thomas W. Lawson of Boston that Standard Oil, with its millions and its monster machine of business, supplied the money for the nomination of Alton B. Parker for the Presidency and has planned to buy several states at the coming election, Democratic national leaders are discussing the feasibility of issuing a reply to the assertions made by the Boston multi-millionaire.

But please note that it is Standard Oil that makes the reply, which would tend to corroborate Mr. Lawson's claim of its intimacy with the Democratic party.

Lawson's charge is a pretty direct one and has a look of truth. In the November issue of Everybody's Magazine he says that he intends to vote for Roosevelt, not because Roosevelt has no bad friends in Frenzied Finance circles, but because Standard Oil and Roosevelt are at odds. He says that Roosevelt refused to fall in with some of the Standard Oil's schemes for running the government and that the Standard Oil put him on its blacklist. H. H. Rogers, the dominant head of the Standard Oil, was furious. "If I have listened once, I have twenty times," says Mr. Lawson, "while Mr. Rogers raved at 'that' — — — well, I won't use his exact language; it would be respectful to our president." It is an indignity, he says, to have to vote for a man like Roosevelt, who is the friend of "Gas" Addicks, a high finance scoundrel of the deepest die, and he wouldn't if this were an ordinary national election. Addicks, by the way, is a member of the Republican National Committee! After the clash with Roosevelt, he says, Mr. Rogers' able brain was working day and night, first to get John Hay to run against Roosevelt, next Root, then Uncle Mark Hanna; but was compelled to fall back on a more dangerous and expensive plan. He sized up a large number of available men in the Democratic party who would be Standard Oil presidents if elected. Parker was the one hit on. "When his selection was made he called in his faithful hired man, Senator 'Pat' McCarren, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and gave his orders. To try to balk a part of his game I posted Bryan in advance of the St. Louis convention, and we all know he upset their plans in the committee, but we also know it took but the pressure of one finger on one button at 26 Broadway and the gold telegram episode to put things back into the smooth-running groove."

Lawson's disclosures are from the inside, and Standard Oil is wincing.

Judge William E. Richardson, of Spokane, one of the best known jurists in the state of Washington, and who has already served seven years on the bench as judge of the Superior Court of Spokane and Stevens counties in that state, has announced himself unequivocally in favor of Social-Democracy and its national standard bearer, Eugene V. Debs. Some recent expressions of the judge's which we have seen indicate that his change of position is no political whim, but that he has made a study of the principles and especially in their historic bearing. Judge Richardson was carried into office on a fusion political movement seven years ago, but his present attitude of mind is not a mere surface revolt at capitalism or the capitalists that control the two old parties, but is a fundamental change of view based on economic research. A Tacoma paper recently interviewed him and he said, among other things:

"When a man changes his political faith he does it with considerable regret, because he leaves friends for the sake of principle," said the judge. "Seven years ago I was nominated on the fusion ticket for judge of the superior court of the district comprising Spokane and Stevens counties. I subsequently made the race on the Democratic ticket, but this year I did not seek a re-nomination. In politics I am a judge and then retire into private life and then resume the practice of my profession. There is nothing in the Democratic party for me as it stands today. The Republican party is the party of progress, and to me a Democratic party is a clog on the wheels of progress. As between the two parties, were I to

Word comes from Beloit, Wis., where a fake old party labor paper paved the way for a cast iron anti-labor spirit, that the common council held a session on Labor Day and declared that Labor Day was not a legal holiday. It is simply an exhibition of the capitalist's official contempt for those who work with their hands instead of their wits, and labor in Beloit votes for just what it gets!

In our penitentiaries there are 102,329 prisoners and in our juvenile institutes there are 23,786 children. In 1850 there were 280 prisoners to each million inhabitants and in 1900 there were 1,515 to each million inhabitants. In 300 years every one of us will be locked up if this rate of increase continues. Eighty per cent of all crime is chargeable to the conditions under which the victim lives.

For the year ending January 1, 1904, there were 11,781 murderers, 8,291 suicides, 144 hangings and 94 lynchings. In 1902 our embassies amounted to \$6,769,125, in addition to what the capitalists exploited us at directly. Criminal arrest and maintenance cost one-ninth of our entire burden of taxation.

In Minnesota our party is known as the Public Ownership party.

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A CAPITALISTIC 'FRIEND' OF ORGANIZED LABOR!



Parry-site Employer. — "Come chick, chick! Come good little chickie! Come and be killed!"

Duplicity of the Plute Press on "Rise in Wages."

AN EXPOSURE OF THE MILWAUKEE SENTINEL AND ITS CLASS TRICKERY.

The writer has watched for some time the frantic efforts of the Milwaukee Sentinel to prove that wages, meaning workmen's wages, have increased in a greater proportion than living expenses since 1897.

For instance:
1) In an editorial in the issue of Sept 7th the Sentinel quotes C. D. Wright's reports as follows:

Increase of hourly wages in 1903 over 1897 = 16.8%.
Increase of weekly wages in 1903 over 1897 = 13.2%.
Increase in living expenses in 1903 over 1897 = 14.5%.

From these reports the Sentinel draws the conclusion that the workman was better off in 1903 than in 1897, because his hourly wages increased 16.8 per cent and his living expenses increased only 14.5 per cent. Why does the Sentinel ignore the fact that the weekly wages increased only 13.2 per cent? Are the weekly wages not a better medium of comparison with living expenses than the hourly wages? The writer claims that the workman's economical condition became poorer since 1897, because the increase in his weekly wages did not keep step with the increase of his living expenses.

2) In another editorial the Sentinel quotes from Bulletin No. 19 of the New York State Department of Labor, that wages increased about 16 per cent since 1897 and that these figures agree with those of Carroll D. Wright. The writer in this case most emphatically disagrees with the Sentinel. The table in the New York Bulletin shows the following figures:

Year	Yearly Wages	Working days per year
1897	\$650	254
1903	\$753	278

While the yearly wages show an increase of 16 per cent, the daily wages show an increase of only 6 per cent. C. D. Wright's reports show an increase of the hourly wages of 16.8 per cent and an increase in weekly wages of only 13.2 per cent. In other words, C. D. Wright paid no attention to the total yearly wages, and if we want to make comparisons with his figures, we must take the hourly wages and if we cannot obtain them, the nearest to them, which in this case are the daily wages and there the figures certainly do not agree.

The Bulletin also mentions the fact that these figures are taken from union reports and that, as they include the best paid labor in the state, they certainly average much

higher than those of factory employees. How much higher, the writer will show in the following figures taken from the same bulletin and the same page:

Year	Average for one year
1897	\$650
1899	\$747

Reports from manufacturing industries.

Year	Average for one year
1897	\$459
1899	\$477

By these figures we see that the reports of organized labor show an increase of about 15 per cent, while those of factory labor in general show an increase of only 4 per cent.

Organized labor reports cover: 200,932 workmen, while the industrial reports cover 356,278 workmen. Which report does more accurately represent the condition of workingmen?

In an editorial of Sept. 15th the Sentinel informs us that M. M. Riley, the well known attorney, has furnished the Sentinel with statistics that are of interest. As it seems, M. M. Riley is or was a La Follette man and tried to disprove some of the figures of the Sentinel. For this purpose he looked over the reports of the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, and to his utter astonishment found that average yearly wages since 1897 increased 32 3/7 per cent in Milwaukee. Just think of it! Being a consistent supporter of the governor, he forthwith communicated his discovery to his St. Louis friend, the Sentinel. And the Sentinel, of course, was overjoyed to find a verification of its claims of prosperity in such an important document as the reports of the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce.

The writer has before him this report and to his utter amazement he notes over the head of these statistics that they are taken from The Sentinel's Annual Review of the Productive Industries of Milwaukee. Is it any wonder that they verified the Sentinel's investigations?

Another point which Mr. Riley overlooked is that C. D. Wright's reports deal only with workmen, none of whom was earning over \$1,200 per year, while the Chamber of Commerce reports, or more correctly the Sentinel reports, include all persons employed in the productive industries of Milwaukee.

To prove this, let us compare these reports with the U. S. census. The Sentinel's review for 1900 reports the following figures:

Employees	Wages	Establishments reporting
66,788	\$31,336,495	3,393

The census of 1900 reports:

Average employees	Wages	Establishments reporting
48,328	\$20,240,656	3,342

The census reports do not include any office force or managers or foremen, and therefore show more clearly the condition of the workmen in Milwaukee than the review of the Milwaukee Sentinel.

Moreover, it is a notorious fact that within the last few years the salaries of managers and superintendents in the employ of trusts have soared sky-high. Hardly any manager of a big corporation would disdain to offer his services for less than \$8,000 to \$10,000 per year, where he only received about \$3,000 several years ago.

The writer has tried to prove in the foregoing how unreliable in reality are all these reports and statistics, which the Sentinel uses to prove the assertions of the Republican party. Of all the Sentinel's figures not two agree with each other.

But now let us find out for once what is the best criterion of the workingman's economical condition. Undoubtedly the relation of his wages to the value of his product. Now looking at it from this standpoint, the writer will prove that the workingman's condition is becoming worse. We will not consider the individual wages for the reason that there are hardly two economists who agree how to figure the average number of workmen employed during the year. But we have concrete figures in the amount of wages paid and in the value of products, as reported by the highest recognized authority in the land, namely the U. S. Census.

These reports show, the following figures:

Year	Wages paid	Value of products
1890	\$1,891,209,696	\$3,372,378,843
1900	\$2,320,038,108	\$1,930,149,150

These figures show us that while in 1890 the workmen received 20 per cent of the value of his products, in 1900 he only received 18 per cent. In the census report of 1900 we find another significant table showing the condition of workingmen employed by trusts or industrial combinations, as the report calls them. The reports include 183 trusts in existence in 1900 and show the following figures:

Year	Wages	Value of products
1890	\$195,122,180	\$1,667,350,940

These figures show us that the trust employees are only receiving 11.7 per cent of the value of their products. As the trusts have flourished especially under a Republican administration, the laboring man can figure out for himself how much his condition will improve under a continuation of the present prosperity rule. The writer has shown in a former issue of the Social-Democratic Herald how utterly incorrect are the figures compiled by Carroll D. Wright in Bulletin No. 23 of the Bureau of Labor. The Sentinel was invited at that time and is invited again at this time, to show wherein the writer's conclusion that the workingman's economical condition is becoming poorer instead of better, are illogical or incorrect.

Milwaukee. Vox Populi.

HALF HOURS IN THE HERALD SANCTUM.

Asplint Replies.

Editor Social-Democratic Herald: I have just received your issue of Oct. 28th a reply by W. F. to my inquiry in your issue of July 30th, 1904. This communication from W. F. is not at all satisfactory to me as an answer to my question. If a employs a given number of employees and pays them for their labor \$2,000 and offers the product for sale for \$7,000 and realizes the \$7,000 by reason of sale of the said product, my question is, who pays the margin of profit \$5,000, to the capitalist employer? The employees as a group can only fork up \$2,000 towards the demand price, \$7,000, and of course can only receive two-sevenths of their product; that however leaves the balance unpaid with A, and does not answer the question arising from his selfish sale of the balance at \$5,000; retiring from activity in commerce and living for some years on the \$5,000 as past profits. Assuming for argument that the \$5,000 is net profit, I will ask, Who paid the net profit of \$5,000 to the capitalist?

This is a similar problem to the question arising from Karl Marx's illustration of the Genesis of capital as unfolded in "Capital" (Humboldt edition), page 199 (Part III, ch. VII, sect. 2), where Marx says: "37 shillings has been transformed into 30 shillings; a surplus value of 7 shillings has been created. The trick has at last succeeded; money has been converted into capital." Capital is clearly stated by Marx to be the sum of money realized by sale of a product of labor in excess of the sum expended for materials and labor in process of production; in other terms \$7,000 plus \$5,000 added to capital = \$12,000; or in Marx's illustration, as above noted in his world famous "Capital" 27 shillings plus 7 shillings realized in excess of expenditure = 34 shillings in all sincerity and seriousness for an answer to my question:

Who paid the three shillings? and Where did the \$5,000 come from if realized as a result of sale? The receiver of wages can only pay

back his wages. Who supplies the demand for net profit?

I asked Lucien Saniel (author of the "Socialist Almanac") for an answer to this question some years ago; I could not get a satisfactory answer; I have since more than once written to "The People" for an answer, but none has so far been offered from that direction. Perhaps it is a foolish question, yet I await a more satisfactory reply than I have yet obtained at any time from any comrade. Will some other comrade try to straighten me out?

Henry B. Asplint.

London, Ont.
To the Herald: The church must de-commercialize itself and get back to its original guilelessness. Dear Sir: You study history and see if the so-called Christian Church has not at all times been the head and government of all civilized countries, at least since the days of Charlemagne, and blood has flowed in rivers in the name of Christianity. But then remember that no true Child of God (I know that name is unknown to you) can carry the Cross of Christ on one shoulder and the Club of Cain on the other: it is impossible for anyone to serve God and the Devil both. The number of true Christians is very small; it makes no difference what denomination a man belongs to, if he is a true Christian he is a Child of God and does not shoulder a man-killing instrument voluntarily to go out and kill his fellow man because it is patriotism or because he is ignorant and does not care what the fight is about as long as it is a fight. For I don't see any difference in war and prizefighting morally. We know there is a terrible big difference in one sense, but not in another: It is all brutality, ignorance and disobedience to God, and as far as we Socialists are concerned, it will never stand the test any great length of time, because you are building without God, and humanity is the same today as it was a hundred years ago. They that build without God shall not prosper. Any man or woman whose heart has not

been changed by the divine love of God will always in a greater or lesser degree be trying to get the best of his fellow man. I don't care how good he may be, he will always have some enemies and he will hate them naturally; and try to get the best of them if he can. It is in him by nature. But he that is born of God is a new creature and will have so-called Christians and Socialists to hate him alike. But he does not hate any one himself, but has peace with God. The nature! man receives not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1. Cor. 12, 14.)

A Christian Workingman.

Oakland, Cal.
[We print the above letter in order to briefly answer it. There are things that have nothing to do with deity or belief. The multiplication table has nothing to do with belief, for instance, yet it does "stand the test." The Social-Democrats respect the right of private conscience, but being a political party and concerned with an economic question, the party cannot take sides for or against any of the beliefs, Christian, Jewish, Mormon, Atheist, or whatnot, that are held by different fractions. It does not meddle or encroach on the field of religious faith and speculation. Its field is the material welfare of the whole people, especially of the dispossessed class, in whose interest it demands the abolition of the capitalist system. In its ranks are people of all shades of spiritual belief and disbelief, who as Social-Democrats do not allow religious differences to divide them in their fight for better material conditions. Ed. Herald.]

Answers to Correspondents.

Wm. Mailly, Chicago.—Thanks for correction. Several others were also necessary.

Ida F. Mercer, Denver.—Sorry, but the Mrs. comes too late to be available as a part of report of Debs' tour, especially as we gave considerable space to

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The Denver meeting in its order of taking place. Do you wish Mrs. returned?

E. Wilson, N. Y.—Every issue of the Herald is a campaign edition. Select any issue and you will find the goods delivered.

Carl Thompson, Minnesota.—Will appear next week. Thanks.

M. J. Ibach, Bideford, Me.—Many thanks.

Home C. Smetzer, Ark.—We have no such data available.

The Socialistic Party in the United States.

There is almost no point of similarity in the history of the Social-Democratic party in the United States and the record of other third party movements.

That party has not reached its present proportions in nearly as short a time as sufficed for each of the others to attain a degree of strength which made them truly a menace for at least the time being to one or the other of the leading old parties. It has failed as yet to elect a governor or a single congressman or even a considerable number of members of state legislatures, though it has chosen a few mayors and members of city governments in various parts of the country. Nevertheless, it will have survived after the present campaign five national elections. Other parties which have stood for a single idea or which have in their birth and rise to power reflected popular discontent, have increased rapidly in numbers and, after a few emphatic successes at the polls, have passed completely out of existence either by an unconscious dissipation of their membership among minor parties, or by a more or less conscious fusion with one of the great parties. The Socialists alone have had a slow and gradual progress from insignificant beginnings. Whatever one may think of its propaganda or its future course, the impartial student of political movements cannot avoid the conviction that it has reached its present proportions by normal and steady growth. Charles Ferris Gettemy, in The World To-Day, November.

Howard A. Caldwell speaks in Oconomowoc Oct. 28, North Prairie Oct. 29, Menominee Falls Oct. 30.

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New delegates seated from International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers No. 424, Barbers' Union No. 50, Tailors' Union No. 86, Lumber Handlers No. 18 and Tobacco Workers No. 18.

Delegate J. Mycock of the United Textile Workers of Fall River, addressed the council on the conditions of the Textile Workers at Fall River, and appealed to the delegates to have their unions contribute to the support of the men, women and children out on strike against starvation wages.

Attorney W. F. Thiel gave a 15-minute talk on the 8-hour decision of Judge Halsey.

Henry Raasch was elected on the Executive Board in place of Wm. Hansen of the Metal Polishers' Union, whose union has withdrawn him.

Delegates E. Doyle and A. Hingford were elected on the Grievance Committee, but as Delegate Doyle refused to serve, the matter was laid over to the next regular session.

The Executive Board reported that it had audited the books of the council for the last quarter and found them correct, with receipts and vouchers for all receipts and disbursements on file. Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1904, \$220.15.

The Executive Board also reported that the Gold Medal and Ben Hur flour is still on the unfair list. Delegates to take notice and report back to their unions. Communication from Hansen-Schmitt Tobacco Co. complaining that organized labor was indifferent as to the use of union made tobacco. The delegates were instructed to report back to their unions that the members should, when purchasing tobacco, demand only such as bears the union label.

Communications were received from the Carriage and Wagon Workers, the Woodworkers and the Stationary Engineers. Referred to business agent. Invitation from the Glove Workers to attend their annual ball received and accepted.

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Communication from the Hod Carriers' Union referred to the corresponding secretary to be answered as instructed.

The resolution of the joint council of the Boot and Shoe Workers was referred to the F. T. C. to read. The Board also recommended that Rec. Sec. Heath be custodian of the Social-Democratic Herald stock purchased by the council. Report approved and concurred in.

Business Agent Weber reported that there was no material change in the general labor situation; that the Illinois Steel Co. had refused to renew their agreement with their employees in their rail and sheet mills. This means a return to the 12-hour work day and a reduction in wages from 20 to 21 per cent; that a Riggers and Movers' Union was under way; that a new Carpenters' union had been formed; that the Loughshoremen and Butchers would have organizers here in the near future.

Bus. Agent Weber also reported that in the last 9 years 67,139 persons had been killed and 439,542 had been injured on the railroads of the country. That the time had come when organized Labor must seriously consider a defense fund, as all the signs of the times were that the employers would fight for the open shop. Report approved.

Report of the Organization Committee received and placed on file.

Report of Bros. Neuman and Heath on the Pieplow resolution read and placed on file.

Label Section report read and placed on file.

Bro. Brockhausen reported that a Women's Label League would be formed in the near future.

Bro. A. J. Welch addressed the council on the necessity of advertising the union label.

The resolution of the Boot and Shoe Workers in regard to Judge Halsey's decision was read and referred to E. B.

The resolution of Typographical Union No. 23 advocating that the state establish its own printing office and endorsing Bro. Wm. A. Arnold as the candidate for governor, approved and placed on file.

Delegate Berger, delegate to the A. F. of L. convention for the I. T. U. was requested to introduce a resolution for financial assistance to appeal the 8-hour case to the Supreme Court of the state.

Frank J. Weber, acting secy.

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Ever since the Social-Democrats elected nine aldermen in Milwaukee last Spring there has been a persistent but underground effort on the part of the capitalists to get them out of the council by making it impossible for them to continue as bread earners under the capitalist system. Even at the outset there were some, even some newspaper editors, who coolly argued that as the working class's time belonged to their employers, and the council and committee meetings were held in the day time, the workers were clearly disqualified to serve as city officers, not being masters of their time, and should resign. Your self-vaunted capitalist patriot usually turns out to be on enemy of the state and an enemy of humanity upon closer acquaintance, for patriotism is generally the last refuge of a scoundrel, as Macaulay has well said. And this throws a light on the action of the capitalist party aldermen in the common council in voting down the Social-Democratic proposition for night sessions. They hoped thereby to make it impossible for the Socialists to confine as aldermen. But the Social-Democratic party managed to protect its aldermen. The first to lose his employment was Ald. Grantz of the Twenty-first ward. He is a machinist, and soon found in his search for work that he had been practically blacklisted. After his tireless efforts to find work availed nothing the party arranged to employ him at collecting and other work, and this and a little insurance work that he was able to do; made it possible for him to hang on as alderman.

The latest victim of capitalist hatred of the working class and its citizenship rights is Ald. Welch of the Tenth ward. He was next to the oldest employee of the Meyer-Rotier Printing Company and turned out some of the best work coming from that concern. As far as he was able he kept his aldermanic duties from interfering with his work and at no time was the firm inconvenienced thereby. At the most he lost but four part-after-noon's a month, and not always that, and the time was deducted from his pay. The firm at no time made objection to his serving as alderman but H. W. J. Meyer, the senior member of the firm, while in Denver recently made the statement to a man that he did not know was a friend of Welch's that he intended to lay Welch off for political reasons. The trouble culminated recently when Ald. Welch introduced an ordinance in the city council asking for the union label on city printing. This stirred up the Quarles Citizens' alliance outfit—the open show crowd—and as a result Welch was "laid off for a week." Other men were put on. This was on Oct. 8. It was a violation of the rules of the Typographical union, and had Welch so wished he could have secured a walk-out of the union men employed in the establishment, but instead he wrote Meyer a letter. Here is Meyer's reply:

Oct. 22. Dear Sir: You say you are entitled to an explanation for being laid off. This point we are not willing to concede, as we believe you always received everything to which you were entitled, and consequently we are under no obligations to you. We are not opposed, however, to stating the reason. We had no work for all the men employed and were obliged to cut down our force. We retained the men who in our judgment were most interested in the welfare of our office, and who would prove most profitable. You are probably aware that many times you devoted your time to other business (aldermanic) regardless of the interests of the firm which has given you employment for some years.

Meyer-Rotier Printing Co.,
For H. W. J. Meyer, Pres. and Treas.

This letter shows clearly that political reasons governed the discharge of Welch, just as Meyer said it would to the man in Denver. It also contains a clumsy prevarication with regard to the decreasing of the force. Meantime Comrade Welch is being employed by the party, which will protect its elected officials to the last ditch.

It might be said in closing that the junior member of the firm has complimented Mr. Welch on his election as alderman and expressed his satisfaction with the showing made by the nine third-party representatives in the council.

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WM. A. ARNOLD, Candidate for Governor.

HOT SHOTS OF THE CAMPAIGN

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

Monday is your last chance to register in Milwaukee, Mr. Man. The registration booths are required by law to open at 8 o'clock in the morning and to remain open until 8 o'clock in the evening.

In Milwaukee this election the Social-Democratic lever on the machines will be the fifth one from the top. Be sure to get hold of the right one. Count down the machine till you reach the fifth party name disk, bearing the name Social-Democratic Party and pull the lever that is attached to that disk. Take your time and be sure you are right before voting.

The Democrats are without political shame. Their county ticket this year, in spite of the stirring up that resulted from the grand juries, is the most indecent that it has nominated in years. It is made up of gambling house owners, street railway bribe peddlers, and political crooks generally. Capitalism hasn't stamped out all the morality and decency of the people yet and it is hardly possible that such a ticket will get the vote of a single decent citizen.

Certain South Side political priests are advising their followers to vote for Julius Roehr, Republican candidate for state senator, to beat the Social-Democratic candidate, Comrade F. W. Rehfeld. The Democratic candidate is the political crook, Roman Ziarnek, referred to elsewhere. As to Roehr it might as well be said that he is a misrepresentation of the people, that he had a shady record in the last legislature, that he was the leader of the corrupting forces of capitalism there, and that there was talk that the grand jury would get him as well as Barney Eaton. The action of those south side priests is but another evidence that religious bodies ought to keep out of politics.

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We have had occasion before to refer to a Twelfth ward plug-ugly named Roman Ziarnek, who keeps a saloon on Grove street, and who is now ward foreman and general ward bruiser for the Rose machine. It was Ziarnek's specialty to terrorize citizens at the polling booths without regard to the law or fear of the police. Mora is coming to light about the fellow. Just at present he is the Democratic candidate for state senator, but if all we hear about him is even half true he would appear to be also a candidate for the state prison at Waupun. One of Ziarnek's followers bears the name of Gora, and Ziarnek is reported to have arranged to make him the ward foreman in the event of his own election to the state senate. But men to be appointed ward foremen have to pass a city service examination, and Gora being an illiterate man would be supposed to be thus out of the question. But Ziarnek, being on the inside of the Rose machine, is a resourceful fellow, even some people might call him crooked. So the story goes that he secured a list of the questions that would be asked in the examination of Seey. Vlach of the city service board, and Gora secured the necessary help to enable him to prepare to answer them properly. But in his ignorance of the crime of the thing he told his friends about it and showed them the list of questions, and the thing leaked out. At any rate Gora passed the examination, and will watch the returns week after next to see if Ziarnek is to pass the ward foremanship over to him!

In these days of blacklists and Parry-sitism the wage workers have a terrorism held over their heads by the work masters that makes life pretty much a burden to them. Activity in the union is reported by capitalist spies. And working class politics, too, is often the reason for their losing their jobs. The big masters are not above taking this mean advantage of their economic situation, and have a secret under-

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 Sixth—**JOHN P. LAHM**.
 Seventh—**WM. MELLER**.
 Eighth—**WM. E. BAUMANN**.
 Ninth—**EDMUND J. BERNER**.
 Tenth—**JACOB HUNGER**.
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 Twelfth—**JOHN HASSMANN**.
 Thirteenth—**WM. BAUMANN**.
 Fourteenth—**MARTIN GORECKI**.
 Fifteenth—**HERMAN G. HANSEN**.
 Sixteenth—**AVG. W. STRELOW**.

Waukesha Assembly Nominations:

First—**DANIEL W. JOAN**.
 Second—**FRED. C. SOLL**.

standing that gradually the workers that do not support politically the interests of the capitalists are to be thoroughly weeded out. Last week the gang bosses and foremen at the big West Milwaukee car shops went round to each employe and wrote down his answer to their questions as to how he would vote, the inquiry being especially as to the La Follette ticket, the La Follette faction having been making war on the railroads. The shops are full of Social-Democrats, who resented such interference with their right of political conscience, and the Machinists' lodges have sent word about the affair to their international headquarters. One thing is already pretty plainly indicated: That the working class will sooner or later have a severe struggle on its hands to maintain its right of suffrage. The capitalists see, what certain workingmen still fail to see, that the ballot is the only effective weapon that Labor has, and it is in that direction that capitalism will have to strike if it hopes to disarm its opponent in the class struggle.

Such a campaign as the present makes the Social-Democrat smile. Both the old parties are having a hard scramble time of it to get a corporal's guard at their meetings while our party, even earlier in the campaign, has secured big audiences. Last week the Democrats had just fifteen men present at a Stover meeting in the Twenty-second ward, in the Fourteenth another Stover meeting drew out sixteen men in that Democratic stronghold, Candi-

date Dopp had twenty men to talk to in a Tenth ward meeting, and Somers had a frost at his Pabst theater meeting. The Republicans have had slim meetings in the Tenth ward and one of the old party candidates made the statement openly downtown that if the old party meetings indicated anything the Social-Democrats would sweep everything before them!

A special branch meeting will be held by the Twentieth ward members, Milwaukee, at the close of the mass meeting at 1230 Clerk street, Sunday, Nov. 6.

Milwaukee comrades will be pained to learn that one of their stalwarts, Robert Lambert, has been forced to go to the Riverside Sanatorium. He sustained a partial stroke of paralysis not long ago. It is expected that he will mend readily.

An Interesting Development.
 In declaring against municipal ownership Gov. La Follette apparently has abandoned hope of dividing the Social-Democratic vote and taking the larger part himself. The Socialists are not "fighting the corporation" for the offices there may be in it. In fact, they purpose to do away with the corporations, which would be a calamity to the "reformers" whose occupation it is to "fight" 'em.—News.

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NOTICE.
 The next meeting of the 15th Ward Branch, Milwaukee, will be held the first Monday of the month instead of first Tuesday. This is only for that one meeting.

14th Ward Meetings.
 Nov. 1, Czaplewski's Hall, corner 1st ave. and Smith st.
 Nov. 8, Stachowiak's Hall, corner 7th ave. and Rogers.
 H. E. Briggs.

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Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 20, 1904.
 Messrs. Hon. W. H. Stafford,
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 Hon. Peter J. Somers, and
 Hon. Arthur J. Dopp.

Dear Sirs:

In view of the fact that you have accepted the nominations for Congressmen in the Fourth and Fifth districts on the Democratic and Republican tickets, and especially in view of the fact that you have announced your intention to expose Social-Democratic fallacies, the undersigned take pleasure in expressing their willingness to meet you at any convenient time and place for a public discussion of the issues involved in the present campaign.

And since it is evident from the character of the national platforms of the Republican and Democratic parties that they do not differ in their presentation of the issues, but only in the character and claims of the men nominated, we are more than willing to include in this invitation all of the opposing candidates in the 4th and 5th congressional districts of the Republican and Democratic tickets. We are willing to meet you at your convenience, and we will pay half the hall rent and half the expenses of advertising the meeting or meetings. If the Social-Democratic party in Wisconsin or in these districts were a party of no standing, or if it were a party that did not deal with the immediate issues of the day, we could understand any seeming reluctance on your part to spend your time in the proposed debate. But in view of the strength of our party and its practical program, we would suggest that you owe it to the public to make the best defense that you may of the principles which you represent.

Trusting that we may find in you worthy representatives of the principles of capitalism, we remain,
 Yours sincerely,
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 Thursday, Nov. 3rd.
 2nd and Grand ave., Howard Caldwell; Koenig's Hall, 10th and Latham st., T. A. Hickey; Michalski's Hall, Maple and Grove st., H. E. Briggs, W. R. Gaylord; West Side Lodge Hall, 1417 Chestnut st., Emil Seidel; Old Fellows Hall, Potter and Kinickian ave., W. R. Gaylord, V. L. Berger, Wm. Flamm; J. Wankock's Hall, Well and Locust sts., F. J. Weber, J. Barkowsky, German speaker; Bresenmeyer's Hall, 13th and Washington st., E. T. Melms.
 Friday, Nov. 4.
 West Side Turn Hall, E. V. Debs and Seymour Stedman; 2nd and Grand ave., T. A. Hickey; Freie Gemeinde Hall, E. V. Debs and Seymour Stedman; Stachowiak's Hall, 7th ave. and Rogers st., Martin Gorecki, F. J. Weber; Czarnecki's Hall, Greenish and Lincoln ave., J. Barkowsky, Wm. Flamm; Menomonee Falls, Howard Caldwell.
 Saturday, Nov. 5th.
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